



# CIRCULAR LETTER.

CANADA, JUNE 1862.

MY LORD,

The "Catholic Telegraph" of Dublin has published the following notice from E. J. Charlton, Esq., Agent of Emigration for the Canadian Goverment in Ireland :

## EMIGRATION TO CANADA.

"The Canadian Department of Agriculture and Emigration has received official returns from the municipalities, by which immediate employment can be assured to

- " 7,000 farm labourers at 40s to 60s per month.
- " 5,000 female servants at 15s to 30s per month.
- " 3,200 boys over 13 at 10s to 40s per month.
- " 3,500 girls over 13 at 7s 6d to 20s per month,

With Board and Lodging."

"Carpenters, Masons, Bricklayers, Tailors, Shoemakers, Coopers, and Blacksmiths, can find steady employment at 4s to 6s per day on application to the Government Emigration Officers in the chief towns in Canada.

" MILLIONS OF ACRES of fine Land for sale by Government at One shilling to Four shillings per acre, besides FREE GRANTS, 100 acres each, to industrious settlers. NO RENT to pay afterwards.

" Improved Farms in desirable localities to be had cheap, and the steady progress of the country makes all purchases of real estate safe and remunerative investment.

" Steamers sail from Liverpool every Thursday, from Londonderry every Friday, and from Glasgow once a fortnight. Steerage fare from Glasgow, Five Guineas; from Dublin and the principal towns in Ireland via Londonderry, Six Guineas; from Liverpool in a sailing Ship, Four Pounds.

" For full and authorised information—in Pamphlet form—apply to the undersigned, who has resided in Canada over twenty years, or to J. A. Donaldson, Esq., Londonderry.

E. J. CHARLTON,

Canadian Government Emigration Agent,

25 Upper Sackville-street, Dublin."

We consider it not only as an act of charity but also of humanity to put Your Lordship and your clergy on your guard, against the flattering promises set forth in this notice.

We certainly would be happy, My Lord, if Canada could realise these expectations and provide the needy portion of the Irish population with a comfortable home ; but we regret much to say that it is far from being able to offer so flattering a prospect, and those who may come will be cruelly disappointed.

As to the 7,000 farm labourers, we have nothing to say, because men are better able to struggle against difficulties, and can better succeed in making a home for themselves. However we have no hesitation whatsoever in saying, that the advantages held forth by Mr. Charlton are exaggerated, for amongst those who have emigrated from Ireland years ago, many would be happy to take for the year round the minimum of the wages promised to the new emigrants.

But as to placing in advantageous positions 5,000 female servants, 3,200 boys and 3,500 girls over 13 years, we venture to assure Your Lordship that the Government agent has been led into error. We have every reason to believe that the demand for female servants is very limited, and that it may be easily supplied by the young women brought here, every year, by their brothers or sisters already settled in the country. With regard to the others, the greater part of them would find themselves in the greatest embarrassment, exposed, as many before have been, to all the seductions of the world and to the danger of loosing that peculiar virtue which the daughters of Ireland prize so highly. In all cases, My Lord, unmarried females should not be sent here, unless accompanied by their parents, or other persons equally capable of protecting them against danger.

With regard to young boys and girls over 13 years, the difficulty we have to meet in finding places for our orphans of the same age is proof sufficient that they can have but a very limited chance. It is very certain that all those who would obtain places at all, would find them in protestant families, where they would soon loose the faith of their fathers, to adopt that of their masters, as it but too often happens in the United States.

In our cities, tradesmen, when not too numerous earn from 5s to 6s 3d currency per diem, in the summer season; during the winter the greater number are idle, or else they have to seek employment in the United States. We firmly believe that most of our cities and towns have as many tradesmen as can find employment.

Having made known to Your Lordship the true state of things, we beg of you, My Lord, to give to this statement whatever publicity you may think proper, in order to spare those of your diocesans who may wish to emigrate to Canada, the bitter disappointment that awaits them.

We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your most humble & obedient servants,